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SUBJECT: EC LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS OF INDUSTRIAL
TARIFF OFFERS

1. FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF TEXT OF LETTER
DATED APRIL 27 FRM PAUL LUYTEN, HEAD OF EC COMMISSION
DELEGATION, TO GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG TRANSMITTING
EC LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS OF ITS INDUSTRIAL TARIFF
OFFERS:

QUOTE: PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER TO YOU DATED 20 JAN-
UARY 1978 DESCRIBING THE INITIAL TARIFF REDUCTIONOFFER OF
THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE ASSOCIATED LIST OF REDUCED RATES
OF DUTY RESULTING FROM THE INITIAL OFFER OF THE E.E.C. IN
THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1978 AND DISTRIBUT-
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ED TO PARTICIPANTS.

THE INITIAL OFFER OF THE COMMUNITY TO APPLY THE TARIFF
REDUCTION FORMULA WAS MADE WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS BUT WAS
SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION OF ADEQUATE RECIPROCITY ON THE
PART OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.
IN ITS INITIAL OFFER THE COMMUNITY ALSO REAFFIRMED THE

IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHED TO THE HARMONIZATION OF THE
TARIFFS OF ITS PRINCIPAL PARTNERS.

THE COMMUNITY HAS SINCE MID-JANUARY CARRIED OUT
DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE OFFERS PUT FORWARD BY OTHER
PARTICIPANTS. THIS EXAMINATION HAS REVEALED IN THE
OFFERS OF ITS PARTNERS EXCLUSIONS FROM THE FORMULA, AS
WELL AS MANY PARTIAL AND TOTAL EXCEPTIONS, INCLUDING IN
SOME CASES ON UNBOUND ITEMS. THESE NOT ONLY COVER
IMPORTANT AREAS OF TRADE BUT ERODE THE PRINCIPLE OF
HARMONIZATION OF TARIFFS. COMPENSATION OFFERED FOR THESE
EXCLUSIONS AND EXCEPTIONS IS NOT IN THE COMMUNITY'S
VIEW ADEQUATE AND DOES NOT OFFSET THE EROSION OF THE
NOTION OF HARMONIZATION; INDEED THE COMPENSATION OFFERED
IS OFTEN CONTRARY TO THIS PRINCIPLE OF THE FORMULA.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORTCOMINGS REVEALED IN THE OFFERS OF
ITS PARTNERS THE COMMUNITY HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED THEIR
IMPROVEMENT. FURTHER REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE
MADE IN THE LIGHT OF OUR CONTINUING EXAMINATION OF OFFERS.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RECIPROCITY AND
IN VIEW OF THE TIMETABLE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE COM-
MUNITY HAS PREPARED A LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS FROM
ITS INITIAL OFFER. THESE POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS ARE
INCLUDED IN THE ATTACHED NEW PAGES OF THE LIST OF
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REDUCED RATES OF DUTY RESULTING FROM THE INITIAL OFFER OF
THE E.E.C. IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AND EASILY RECOGNIZ-
ABLE; THEY ARE TYPEWRITTEN OR INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK.

THE COMMUNITY TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPECIFY ITS
OFFER ON PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC RATES OF DUTY OR
TO AD VALOREM RATES WITH A SPECIFIC MINIMUM AND/OR
MAXIMUM. THESE ARE ALSO CLEARLY INDICATED BY AN ASTERISK
OR ARE TYPEWRITTEN.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE
TEXT OF THIS LETTER AND THE ACCOMPANYING LIST OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY'S INITIAL OFFER TO BE TRANS-
MITTED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE.

2. COPY OF LETTER AND LIST OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS
BEING HANDCARRIED TO WASHINGTON (KELLY) TODAY BY RIVERS.

3. OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE LIST WILL BE TRANSMITTED
BY CABLE TOMORROW.

4. USMTN DEL HAS ALREADY RECEIVED PRESS QUERIES ABOUT
THIS EC ACTION, APPARENTLY GENERATED BY AN EC STATEMENT
ON IT. WE HAVE DECLINED COMMENT. TEXT OF EC STATEMENT
FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. CULBERT

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